



TOWN OF VERNON

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OFFICE OF THE
LOCAL HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION

Minutes – Regular Meeting – November 14, 2019

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Chairman Hurd called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at the Vernon Historical Society.

1.0 Roll Call – Members were present: Hurd, Nelson, and Quinn. Iacobello entered following Approval of Minutes. Alternates present were Trapp, Sierakowski, and Nicholson who sat for Iacobello prior to her arrival. Sierakowski sat for Saucier who was absent. Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator/Town Planner was present. Present was Dave Smith, Town Engineer. Present was Shaina Wilson.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

2.1 Regular Meeting – October 10, 2019 – A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Quinn, seconded by Nicholson and unanimously approved.

3.0 Communications – No communications have been received.

4.0 Review of PZC, ZBA, and Demolition Applications

4.1 No new applications were received

5.0 Unfinished Business

5.1 Study of the Strong Farm, War Memorial Tower, Lucina Chapel and Hockanum Company House: No report.

5.2 Sustainable Connecticut Certification – Silver Status. The award will be presented to the Town of Vernon on December 3rd at the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities conference.

5.3 Informal discussion of the Main Street Bridge over the Tankerhoosen at Talcottville Historic District. Town Engineer Dave Smith explained the design and upgrade to the bridge which will be taller and longer than the original. It will continue to be a single lane with alternating traffic along with a pedestrian lane. The outside iron structure will remain as it is historic and unique. Smith requested opinions as to the color of paint. Following discussion, a motion was made by Sierakowski, seconded by Quinn and unanimously approved to maintain the present paint color of rust with the input from the community to be requested at our January 9 2020 meeting. There has been no additional communications from the DEEP regarding the dam.

6.0 New Business.

6.1 Discussion of 150 Phoenix Street, Jared Sparks house, a listed historic property. Shaina Wilson explained that she is considering purchasing the property and asked for guidance regarding requirements for rehab. She would need to address the cracked front door, loose windows, and wood clapboards. She was given a copy of the guidelines and invited to our January 9th meeting that will be held at the Talcottville Mill when these guidelines will be discussed and questions answered. A certificate of appropriateness is necessary for replacement of items that are visible from the street.

7.0 The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM with a motion made by Nelson, seconded by Quinn and unanimously approved.

DRAFT FOR APPROVAL *CSH*

Carol S. Nelson, Secretary

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Date Approved:

Dec. 12, 2019